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Are You For a Greater Tulsa? It's Up to You, Mr. Voter!

One Hundred Men Lynched Negro Woman At Wagoner

Second Colored Woman Victim
of Mob Violence -- Dozen Men
or More, Since Statehood

And Yet, Although These Mobs Go Un-
masked, Not A Single Man Has Been
Punished! Why Shouldn't Negroes
of This State Arm Themselves to
Uphold The Law?

One hundred white men stormed the county jail at Wagoner, Oklahoma, Tuesday morning and after overpowering the jailer took Marie Scott, a negro woman, and lynched her almost in the heart of the town.

The woman was charged with the murder of Lemuel Peace, a white man, who it is claimed she cut to death Sunday night. A newspaper dispatch from Wagoner reports the incident as follows:

"A mob went to the jail before daylight and aroused the jailer, they covered him with a gun, took his keys and opened the negroes' cell. They then placed a rope around her neck and led her a block away, where she was instantly hanged. The women made no outcry. So quietly did the mob work that the town was not aroused.

The sheriff later removed the body. The authorities are investigating. Sentiment here is with the mob.

Wagoner is one of the counties in which negroes, convicted of murder have had their sentences commuted by Governor Cruce.

The white man who was killed was popular here and of good family. There was no provocation for the stabbing. Peace was walking along the street when the woman darted out from a house and stabbed him to death with a long knife which she plunged into his body time and again.

The Tulsa Star made special effort to get the facts in the case by telephone, but failed to get anything definite.

It is claimed, however, that the woman had lived only two weeks in Wagoner and that she was a prostitute. She lived in a district where this class of women reside and it is said the white man was in this community when he met his death. What business he had in a segregated district of this kind is not known, but the logical inference is that he was there for immoral purposes with Negro prostitutes.

Although newspaper dispatches from Wagoner say there was no provocation for the killing there are but few people who will believe that this was a true statement, in full. It is well known that "Prominent white men" and "men of good families" in Wagoner and nearly every other town in the state are continually trespassing the "color line," with the lowest type of Negro women prostitutes.

Some of these men have families—lovable wives and children and happy homes; and instead of living the part of a MAN to these dear ones all the time they are frequently found using

the cover of night to live the part of a brute with prostitutes.

This may or may not have been the case with the white man killed at Wagoner, but subsequent facts will probably show that it was.

This makes the second Negro woman lynched in Oklahoma, and a dozen or more men, since statehood, but not a single man has been punished in any way for participating in the lynchings.

These conditions are becoming very alarming and a serious calamity is sure to follow if something is not done to force all citizens to respect the law.

These are the conditions that beget Black Hand Societies and similar organizations. The lynching of this woman seems to have been intended for a rebuke to the Governor's policy regarding capital punishment more than to avenge her alleged crime.

The Star does not make any defense for the alleged crime committed by the woman.

There's no defense we could make for the crime, even though there might be some illuminating circumstances yet undeveloped. And much less is there any defense to be made for the beastly cowardly brutes who murdered a poor defenseless woman.

There can be nothing but shame and contempt in the heart of any true man for the hellish villains who committed this bawdily crime. Will Judge Allen call a grand jury? Wait and see.

R. T. HILL IN CALIFORNIA

Reuben T. Hill, the defaulting cashier of the True Reformers Savings Bank of Richmond, has been located in California, where he has lived for some months, posing as a physician and living in seclusion. In a part of Los Angeles where no Negroes live. If Hill is returned to Virginia he will have to face a charge of embezzlement covering \$45,000 to \$50,000. A heavy reward is standing for the arrest and conviction of Chief Hill.

CHIEF SAM'S COLONY

Two car loads of Negroes of the Chief Sam emigration plan left the barracks of the company at Weleetka last week for Galveston. Those who are left at Weleetka are destitute and are seeking employment in any way and anywhere and at any price. Many of them are back to their former homes begging to be employed upon farms they formerly owned. The women of the remnant colony are washing and doing other work as domestics in the neighborhood just for their food and shelter. Sickness is among them and they are sadly in need of assistance.

Okmulgee Colored School Ordered Closed

The Colored teachers of Okmulgee are facing a perplexing problem which perhaps will find a solution only in the state courts unless the matter is soon adjusted by the City Board of Education.

Last week Prof. W. H. Fort, principal of the Colored Schools at Okmulgee, received orders not to open school Monday morning because the County School fund, he was told, was exhausted, and there was no money with which to pay the Colored teachers.

It seems that the City School for Colored at Okmulgee is financed from the County School fund, but is under the supervision of the City Board of Education. The teachers hold contracts issued by the City Board of Education and they hold that this contract is binding upon the board even though the County fund is exhausted the city will be compelled to sustain the deficiency and run the Colored Schools just as long as there are funds to run the white city schools. Prof. Fort refused to close the schools and it is now thought the matter will be adjusted if it hasn't been already.

SUMMER SCHOOLS FOR NEGROES

Of fourteen summer schools for colored teachers, reporting 2,121 students to the U. S. Commissioner of Education in 1912, four were held in Virginia and had 57 men and 609 women in attendance. Hampton with 346 students and Tuskegee in Alabama with 305 headed the list.

LOUISIANA NEGRO IS REPORTED LYNCHED

NATCHEZ, Miss., April 1.—News of a lynching in an isolated section of Winn parish, Louisiana, Sunday night has just reached here. According to meager reports, J. P. McDougall, a farmer, had a dispute with Allen Turner, a Negro, after which the Negro struck the farmer with a hoe, inflicting a serious wound. A constable arrested Turner and when taking him to jail was confronted by a band of farmers who seized and shot the Negro to death.

City Campaign Is Now At Fever Heat

The political situation is at fever heat and "still a-heating." Every night this week street corner meetings have been the feature of the day and many dirty rags have been waved by candidates on all side for their friends. With the election only three days off it is now generally admitted that a second election will be inevitable. However, there are some old line politicians who predict a democratic success next Tuesday. Others are equally certain of success for the independent bunch. There is at least a chance for all of the tickets and the candidates all seem to so consider it.

A certain old timer in the political game yesterday gave it out as his opinion that this election would be the hottest contested and most uncertain ever held in Tulsa, and old "Ben" knows.

News comes from Boley and Weleetka that followers of "Chief Sam" are going back to the soil. They are busy now looking for land to farm and places to live—a wiser and better people. "The Chief" is perambulating, is "up North" enjoying the comforts from his easily gotten coin from the fanatics of Oklahoma.

Surffragette Movement Fails In U. S. Senate

Vardaman Beaten In His Infamous Attempt to Repeal The
15th Amendment

Hunt Making Good Race

O. D. Hunt, candidate for Commissioner No. 1 on the democratic ticket, is growing in strength as election draws near, especially so among the colored voters of this city. A story is told of this man which shows his true color as a man who has deep regard for his duty as a man and an American citizen.

During the Dry Farming Congress meeting in this city last fall the story goes, Mr. Hunt was about to leave the fair grounds in his automobile when he noticed a crowd of Negro boys leaving the ground for the city. He asked them if they wanted to ride, and of course the reply came in a chorus, "Yes, sir; yes, sir." He loaded them in every one of them, and gave them a joy ride to town. Another white man, noticing the Negro boys in his car, said to him: "Hunt, don't you know the public will ridicule you for hauling 'niggers' about in your car?"

Mr. Hunt's reply came promptly and firmly: "If I can make a little Negro boy happy by giving him a ride in my car I will certainly do so, and then I have done only a small part of my duty to humanity."

This was just a little incident, but it showed the calibre of the man and the big manly heart within him.

Whatever else may be said of the Negro, he has never been found disloyal to his friends, and it is certainly a hopeful sign for the Negro to recognize his friends regardless of political parties. The colored people of Tulsa have not forgotten Mr. Hunt's part in location the concession for the Colored Dry Farming Association and many will support him to show their appreciation of his friendship.

Below we reprint from John Mitchell's paper, The Richmond Planet, an article which will be interesting and instructive to our readers submitting, as it does, a few facts which will be evidence that politicians of the Vardaman type and the adherents of his policies do not by any means speak for their party:

The Question of Suffrage.

The fight for Woman Suffrage was not successful last week in the United States Senate. The vote to submit to the states a constitutional amendment to the Constitution of the United States, permitting women to vote, was lost by a vote of 35 ayes and 34 nays. It required a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Senate to secure favorable action upon the resolution. This meant the affirmative vote of 64 senators.

It will be seen then that the Woman Suffragists had 29 votes less than the number needed. Senator Vardaman of Mississippi did not lose the opportunity to emphasize his hostility to the colored people of the country. He offered an amendment to repeal the fifteenth amendment. This amendment was offered for the purpose of disfranchising the colored people of the United States.

The vote on Senator Vardaman's amendment was rejected by a vote of 48 to 19. The senators voting in favor of repealing the fifteenth amendment included Senator Martin and Senator Swanson of Virginia. Their names are:

Bryan, Florida; Gore, Oklahoma; James, Kentucky; Lea, Tennessee; Lee, Maryland; Martin, Virginia; Myers, Montana; Overman, North Carolina; Ransdell, Louisiana; Reed, Missouri; Sheppard, Texas; Eshields, Tennessee; Smith, Georgia; Smith, South Carolina; Swanson, Virginia; Tillman, South Carolina; Vardaman, Mississippi; West, Georgia; Williams, Mississippi—19.

Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi offered a resolution providing that only white women be permitted to vote. It was lost by a vote of 44 to 21. This ended the contention. It brought into the limelight the race question and showed just how many United States senators were ready and will to wipe from the constitution the practical results breathing spell for it has been demonstrated.

The colored folks may have a strated that with the democratic party in absolute control of the government they are not able as yet to do positive injury to one of the kindest races of people on the face of the globe.

ing a new hotel and installing a cab line. Will be going some then.

Mrs. Coffeener Banks has just returned from a two weeks' visit at Davenport, Okla.

Miss Ellen Woods is on the sick list, having trouble with her eyes.

Mr. W. H. Furrie is preparing to have his house papered soon.

Mrs. Dora Brown has just returned from Little Rock, Ark., where she has been attending to some land business.

The recent rains have made it fine for the gardeners and also for the farmers at large.

A Reporter.

Hello, friend! where is Carr's place? in the Gurley building, 114 N. Greenwood, St., and its the best in town, boy.

Sapulpa News

Sapulpa, Okla., March 30th, 1914.
Editor Tulsa Star.

A great revival just closed last week at the Mt. Olive Baptist church, conducted by Rev. R. A. Whitaker, 49 members were added to the church.

Sunday was a high day at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, two special services were held. Rev. T. W. Stevenson of Okmulgee, officiating. At 11 o'clock a. m. the Women's Home Mission held their service at three o'clock p. m. The Knights of Pythias had their annual services preached.

The Home Missions appeared again on the scene at night, the collection both morning and evening was good. Hutton Yates the hustling groceryman are still doing a good business. Isaac Clardy the old reliable Groceryman and Butcher is getting his share of the trade. Sapulpa the "Magic city" is beginning to be a real live one. Mr. E. P. Glass is contemplating on build-